

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
WESTERN DIVISION**

**JAMES J. NAPLES,  
Assignee of Pinewood Enterprises**

**APPELLANT**

**v. Nos. 4:13-cv-499-DPM  
& 4:13-cv-547-DPM**

**RENEE S. WILLIAMS, Chapter 7  
Trustee, LHSW and MICHAEL E.  
COLLINS, Chapter 11 Trustee**

**APPELLEES**

**and**

**JAMES J. NAPLES,  
Assignee of Pinewood Enterprises**

**APPELLANT**

**v. No. 4:13-cv-667-DPM**

**RENEE S. WILLIAMS, Chapter 7  
Trustee, LHSW; UNITED STATES  
TRUSTEE; and MICHAEL E.  
COLLINS, Chapter 11 Trustee**

**APPELLEES**

**and**

**A.K. TENNESSEE IRREVOCABLE TRUST;  
KIMBRO STEPHENS INSURANCE TRUST;  
DAVID KIMBRO STEPHENS, Individually and on  
behalf of all the equitable beneficiaries of the  
Kimbros Stephens Insurance Trust and the A.K.  
Tennessee Irrevocable Trust**

**APPELLANTS**

**v. No. 4:13-cv-670-DPM**

**RENEE S. WILLIAMS; MICHAEL E. COLLINS;  
UNITED STATES TRUSTEE; LIVING HOPE  
INSTITUTE, INC.; ESTATE OF WANDA J.  
STEPHENS, a/k/a Wanda J. Stephens; and  
JAMES J. NAPLES**

**APPELLEES**



**and**

**GREG STEPHENS, as personal representative  
of the Estate of Wanda Stephens**

**APPELLANT**

**v.**

**No. 4:13-cv-723-DPM**

**RENEE S. WILLIAMS, Chapter 7 Trustee, LHSW;  
MICHAEL E. COLLINS, Chapter 11 Trustee;  
JAMES J. NAPLES, Assignee of Pinewood  
Enterprises, LC; UNITED STATES TRUSTEE;  
LIVING HOPE INSTITUTE INC.; AK TENNESSEE  
IRREVOCABLE TRUST; KIMBRO STEPHENS  
INSURANCE TRUST; and DAVID KIMBRO  
STEPHENS, Individually and on behalf of the AK  
Tennessee Irrevocable Trust, the Kimbro Stephens  
Insurance Trust, and their equitable beneficiaries**

**APPELLEES**

### **ORDER**

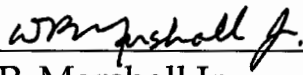
Five separate appeals from the same underlying bankruptcy case are before this Court. Case numbers 4:13-cv-499 and 4:13-cv-547 have already been consolidated, and the Court has accepted transfer of the other three cases, Nos. 4:13-cv-667, 4:13-cv-670, and 4:13-cv-723. Among the pending motions are Naples's notices of related case and motions to consolidate, 4:13-cv-499, *No. 9* and 4:13-cv-667, *No. 3*. The United States Trustee opposes consolidation, 4:13-cv-667, *No. 10*; no one else has responded.

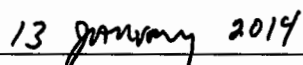
All five cases arise from a common legal and factual background. The parties in cases 4:13-cv-667, 4:13-cv-670, and 4:13-cv-723 aren't exactly the



same. But those three cases are appeals from the same Bankruptcy Court order, and should be handled together. Though the pending motions ask to consolidate only 4:13-cv-667 with 4:13-cv-499, consolidating all five cases is the best way to resolve the parties' disputes and promote efficient use of the parties' and the Court's resources. The motions, *No. 9 & No. 3*, are granted; No. 4:13-cv-667 is consolidated with lead case 4:13-cv-499. The Court, on its own motion, consolidates 4:13-cv-667, 4:13-cv-670, and 4:13-cv-723 with 4:13-cv-499. FED. R. CIV. P. 42(a)(2). The Court directs the Clerk to transfer all pending motions, and any related responses and replies, to the lead case, No. 4:13-cv-499-DPM. The parties should file all future papers in the lead case, too, also noting the applicable original case number. Merits briefing is complete in cases 4:13-cv-499 and 4:13-cv-547; it is stayed pending resolution of the motions to dismiss in 4:13-cv-667 and 4:13-cv-670. To bring 4:13-cv-723 in line, the Court stays merits briefing in that slice of the case too.

So Ordered.

  
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D.P. Marshall Jr.  
United States District Judge

  
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13 January 2014